

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Public hearing # 2004-2

A public hearing will be held by the Tennessee water pollution control division on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 7:00 P. M. CST at the Reelfoot Lake State Park. The meeting will be held in the auditorium at the state park headquarters on highway 21 in Tiptonville. The public hearing is to discuss a project proposed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to clean sediment and debris from boat channels within the managed areas of Reelfoot Lake. The project requires a water quality permit under *The Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977*.

This work involves the maintenance dredging of boating channels in Reelfoot Lake. Approximately 45.5 miles of work is proposed. The typical channel dimension would be approximately 10 feet wide by 3 to 6 feet deep. In another section of channel for about 1.1 miles the width would be about 30 feet and depth of 6 feet. About 2.4 miles of channel would be 20 feet wide. Dredging would be done using an amphibious track-hoe to remove woody debris and a hydraulic dredge to excavate sediment. The slurry would be sprayed out over the surrounding area away from the channel.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposal are invited to deliver oral or written comment at the public hearing. The hearing officer will limit all testimony to relevant water quality issues and may limit testimony in the interest of time, however, all persons desiring to speak will be afforded an opportunity to do so. Written testimony will be accepted for at least 10 days following the hearing and will be considered part of the official record. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing to the Division of Water Pollution Control at the address printed below. The comments must be received by March 5, 2004. After considering all public comments, the Division will publish a final permit decision and a notice of the Division's determinations.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings (or to review these filings) should contact the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means and should be made no less than ten days prior to February 24, 2004, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 1-866-253-5827 for further information. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service (1-800-848-0298).

The permit application and supporting documentation are available for review at the Division office during business hours at the following address:

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